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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 3731**

**PATENT
Attorney Docket No. 127.0005-00000
Customer No. 22882**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	Confirmation No.: 7246
John I. Shipp)	
Serial No.: 10/706,715)	Group Art Unit: 3731
Filed: November 12, 2003)	Examiner: Kathleen C. Sonnett
For: SURGICAL LIGATION CLIP)	

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

In reply to the Final Office Action of December 12, 2007, the period for reply having been extended by a request for extension of time and fee filed herewith, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicant proposes that this application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

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